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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR ARMS SHIPMENT

1. SONORA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS APPEALED TO LEGAL OFFICER HERMOSILLO FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING NECESSARY LICENSE TO IMPORT A QUANTITY OF ARMS FOR USE BY STATE JUDICIAL POLICE. LEGAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE IN EMBASSY NOW HAS COPY OF LETTER FROM STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ADDRESSED TO JENSEN'S SHOOTERS SUPPLY, PIMA STREET, TUCSON, ARIZONA SETTING FORTH ORDER (DESCRIBED BELOW). AS EMBASSY PIECES TOGETHER HISTORY OF TRANSACTION, IT APPEARS THAT US SUPPLIER INFORMED MEXICANS THAT LICENSE WOULD BE REQUIRED FROM USG BEFORE SHIPMENT COULD BE MADE. SONORA STATE OFFICIALS APPARENTLY WANT TO FOLLOW STRICTLY LEGAL PROCEDURES WHILE KEEPING TRANSACTION VERY QUIET.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT US CUSTOMS' INVOLVEMENT IS LIMITED TO CHECKING APPROVED MANIFEST AGAINST OUT-BOUND SHIPMENT. WHAT IS NEEDED, ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, IS STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF SHIPMENT.

3. ALTHOUGH WE WISH TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO SONORA STATE GOVERNMENT IN THIS MATTER, WE WILL MAKE CLEAR TO THEM

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OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THEY WILL MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN GOM FOR IMPORTATION INTO MEXICO OF

THESE ITEMS.

4. SHIPMENT IN QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

100 38 CALIBER PISTOLS;  
60 AR-15 RIFLES;  
10 SW-76 MACHINE GUNS;  
100 CN AND  
100 CS HARD RUBBER CANNISTER GRENADES;  
100 TRIPLE-CHARGE GRENADES;  
100 CONTACT DETONATING GRENADES;  
100 GAS GRENADES FOR 37 MM LAUNCHER;  
10 GRENADE LAUNCHERS FOR SHOTGUNS;  
100 GRENADES FOR 38 CALIBER "SPECIAL" PISTOL LAUNCHERS;  
100 ANTI-BARRICADE PROJECTILES;  
5000 ROUNDS OF 38 CALIBER "SPECIAL" AMMUNITION;  
2000 ROUNDS OF 9 MM CALIBER AMMUNITION;  
5000 ROUNDS OF 223 CALIBER AMMUNITION;  
30 GAS MASKS;  
35 GAS MASK FILTERS;  
100 TEAR GAS SPRAY CARTRIDGES.

5. LETTER STATES THAT MATERIAL REQUESTED WILL BE DESTINED FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF STATE JUDICIAL POLICE "IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC ORDER AND TRANQUILITY." COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED DISTURBANCES IN HERMOSILLO, BUT EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THIS REQUEST IS RELATED TO ANY PARTICULAR ANTICIPATED INTERNAL SECURITY THREAT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO SONORA STATE GOVERNMENT, AND REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR US EXPORT OF THESE ITEMS.  
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